



Project Status Report for Month Ending May 2014

A. Basic Information

Name of the Grantee Organization:	Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC)			
Project Title:	Promoting an Integrated and Structured Grain Markets in Eastern Africa			
Grant Agreement Number:	EAG-STA-014-032			
Project Period	Startup Date:	March 2014	End date:	July 2014
Project Location:	Countries: Kenya, Uganda , Tanzania , Rwanda and Burundi			

A. Introduction

This monthly report is submitted to USAID EA Trade Hub with intention to highlight the project performance in relation to the objectives and expected results under the grant agreement. This project seeks to promote an integrated and structured regional grain market that increases efficiency and reliability of grain flows from surplus to deficit areas by addressing some of the impediments to trade. It is expected to achieve the following objectives:

- a) Strengthen EAGC's capacity become a self-sustaining membership based organization providing in-demand services to members and stakeholders;
- b) Increase access and utilization of regional market intelligence and trade information and;
- c) Support the implementation of recently harmonized regional staple foods standards for increased regional trade.

B. Project Achievements-May 2014

1. Strengthen EAGC's Institutional Capacity

1.1 Development of EAGC Business Plan

On 27th May 2014, EAGC held a meeting with Zoravar Dhaliwal-Director, Agro Innovate, who is the EATH Consultant assisting EAGC to develop the Business Plan. After the initial meeting, the Consultant forwarded the Inception Report to EAGC and EATH on 28th May 2014. The inception report detailed how the consultancy would be undertaken as follows:

- Diagnosis of Current Operations and Structures
- Business Plan Development
- Business Plan Socialization and Retreat (scheduled for 17th and 18th July 2014)

It further provided a preliminary list of information required from EAGC and a list deliverable with due dates. The Consultant further held a meeting with the HR & Admin Officer on 30th May 2014 and he was provided with the EAGC documents. The Consultant was scheduled to EAGC staff and other stakeholders

1.2 Visit to the NAMPO show-South Africa

On 11th to 14th May 2014, EAGC and EATH team travelled to South Africa to attend the NAMPO Harvest Day held in Bothaville, Free State Province. This visit was meant to learn lessons, develop necessary linkages and understand how such an event is organized and managed from a logistical, marketing and financial perspective. This would help EAGC organize similar events at the regional and national level. Attached below are NAMPO visit reports from EAGC country offices.

 [Back to office report NAMPO Report-Final -NAMPO Show 2014_](#)  [Tanzania.pdf](#)  [Back to Office Report on NAMPO vis](#)

2. Increase Access to and utilization of Regional Market Intelligence and Trade Information

2.1 RATIN Monitors data Collection.

The Monitors in all the countries continued collecting and uploading data in the RATIN System for the Month of May. During the month of May, the regional team held meetings with the monitors in Tanzania, Burundi and Rwanda to support in data collection. In Tanzania, there were challenges with the rice data collection as stakeholders requested that the rice data be provided in different varieties. The Monitors currently send the data based on the regions of origin, such as Mbeya rice, Morogoro Rice. EAGC is working on the RATIN IT System to reflect the new prices based on the areas on origin with the countries.

Table 1: Summary of the Data Collection Areas.

	CBT Monitors		Reporting in May 2014
	1	2	3
	Border	Countries	Reporting
	Location	Covered	Frequency
	Busia	Uganda - Kenya	Daily
	Lwakhakha	Uganda - Kenya	Daily
	Gatuna	Uganda - Rwanda	Daily
	Mutukula	Tanzania - Uganda	Daily
	Malaba	Uganda - Kenya	Daily
	Price Monitors		
	1	2	3
	Market	City/Town	Reporting
		Country	Frequency
Kenya	Nyamakima	Nairobi	Daily
	Kisumu	Kisumu	Daily
	Eldoret	Eldoret	Daily
	Mombasa	Mombasa	Daily
	Kitale	Kitale	Daily
	Nakuru	Nakuru	Daily
Uganda	Busia		Daily
	Kabale		Daily
	Kisenyi		Daily
	Lira		Daily
	Masindi		Daily
	Mbale		Daily
	Owino		Daily
	Tororo		Daily
Tanzania	Arusha		Daily
	Mwanza		
	Iringa		Daily
	Dar es Salaam		Daily
	Songea		
	Morogoro		
	Tanga		

	Dodoma		
	Mbeya		
Rwanda	Nyabugogo		Daily
	Kicukiro		Daily
	Kimironko		Daily
	Ruhengeri		Daily
Burundi	Bujumbura		Daily
	Gitega		Daily
	Ngozi		Daily

2.2 Support and Maintain Regional Food Balance Sheet (RFBS)

Regional Travels: During the Month of May 2014, Regional Travels were made to Rwanda on 19th – 21st May 2014, Burundi, on 21st – 23rd May, and Tanzania on 27th – 27th May 2014 to support the national food balance sheets. Meetings were held with several private sector contributors in the country leading to increased private sector contribution to the food balance sheet.

Private Sector Recruitments: The EAGC Country teams travelled to the field to recruit private Sector contributors in the Month of May 2014. In Tanzania the team travelled to Kagera where two contributors were recruited, in Mwanza also two contributors were recruited and in Musoma, Kahama one in each and Tabora two members. A total of new eight (8) members were recruited in Tanzania. In Rwanda, the team visited and received data from 4 members SOPAV, ENAS, HAND in HAND, Sosoma & RGCC. In Uganda, the team travelled and managed to recruit and receive data from 32 private sector contributors. In Kenya, the team travelled to Eldoret, Nakuru and Nairobi where 18 private sectors were recruited. The table below shows the total number of contributors who submitted data during the Month of May 2014.

Table 2: Summary of the RFBS contributors achieved in May 2014

	Submitted in May	May Targets
Kenya	20	18
Uganda	35	34
Tanzania	22	21
Rwanda	5	11
Burundi	14	11
TOTAL	96	95

National Food Balance Sheet Committees

In the Month of May, the National Food Balance Sheet Committee meetings were held in Tanzania and in Kenya. The participation of the national committee partners increased as coordinated by EAGC. In Kenya, the team agreed to improve on the public sector data submission, which was done after the meeting. The relief agencies provided the data they held and the team agreed to host a meeting for other relief agencies in order to increase their participation in the process. The private sector was encouraged to engage with the companies that hold the most stocks especially millers and traders in Mombasa. All the agreed action plans would be implemented in June 2014.

In Tanzania, the team agreed on modalities to get the public sector send the data. The private sector agreed on regular submission of data and the relief agencies provided the data during the meeting. Both Meetings validated the current data on the system, as the correct data for the countries.

2.3 Maintain the EAGC RTVT system

During the month of May, recruitment of the private sector RTVT contributors was carried out in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. The RTVT system is yet to be installed in Rwanda and Burundi during the visit to these countries by IT Consultant-Allan Kiprop. The summary below shows the RTVT data submitted in May 2014.

Table 3: RTVT Data Contribution- May 2014.

	RTVT Warehouses	Reporting in May 2014		
	1	2	3	4
	RTVT Warehouse	Location	Capacity	Reporting
				Frequency
Kenya	Ngarua Cereal & Produce SHG Warehouse	Nyahururu	3000 MT	
	Kasikeu Multipurpose Co-op Society	Makueni	3100MT	
	Smart Logistics Solutions Ltd	Nairobi	6000MT	
	Nafics Limited	Eldoret	1800MT	
	Lomson Enterprises	Eldoret		
	Wamuini Sokohuru		450MT	
	Schemers CBO		810MT	
Uganda				
	Agroways (U) Ltd	Jinja	8350MT	
	Export Trading Uganda	Kampala	30000MT	
	Masindi Seed Grain Growers Association	Masindi	3000MT	

		Uplands Rice Millers Company	Jinja	3000MT	
Tanzania		Kibaigwa Auction Mart	Dodoma	4000MT	
Burundi	0	<i>as of mid-march</i>			
Rwanda	0	<i>as of mid-march</i>			

2.4 Develop RATIN Sustainability Business Model

During the Month of May, EAGC worked closely with the RATIN Business plan Consultant Charity Hanif. Meetings were held with the various EAGC Members and stakeholders. A Stakeholder review meeting was held at EAGC offices on 26th May and comments were provided to the draft report. A final report will be circulated to conclude the process.

3. Support the implementation of recently harmonized regional Staple Foods standards

3.1 Development of self-assessment questionnaire for grain laboratories

During the month of May, EAGC worked with the EATH consultant-Fredrick Muthuri to develop a self-assessment questionnaire that would be administered amongst the existing grain testing laboratories. The questionnaire will be distributed to the selected labs to assess their current practices and profile their capacity regarding the EAC standards. A list of grain labs was also developed and shared with the consultant.

A. Status of Projected Milestones as at end of May 2014			
Activity	Actions	Deliverables	Status
Conduct EAGC Business Plan Meeting in Naivasha	Develop SOW for the development of Business Plan	Scope of Work	Done
	Engage Consultants		
	Conduct a Planning Meeting	Final report and Business Plan document	Scheduled for July
	Presentation of the Report and Business Plan		
	EAGC/EATH team visit South Africa for the NAMPO Agricultural Fair	Document learning opportunities	Done
Support and maintain RFBS for	RFBS Follows and Private sector recruitment	Trip	Ongoing

the 5 EAC countries	Regional MIS Travels on RFBS in UG, RW, TZ, BRD	Reports/RFBS Data	
	National Food Balance Sheet Committee Meetings	Minutes	Ongoing
	National Travels to recruit Contributors	Private Sector Contributors	Ongoing
	EAGC/EATH Review Meetings	Review Targets	One meeting held on 24 th April
Maintain market & border monitors submitting daily price data to RATIN	Maintain Market Monitors	Timely data	Continuous
	Monitors Training	Training Report	Scheduled for June
Maintain the RTVT system	National Travels to recruit RTVT Contributors	RTVT Data	Ongoing
	Regional Travel to Burundi and Rwanda on RTVT Training	System installed	Scheduled for June
Conduct RATIN User survey	Consultancy on RATIN		Merged with the development of RATIN Sustainability Business Model
Develop RATIN Sustainability Business Model	Consultancy on RATIN Business Model	Final report and RATIN Business Model	Ongoing
Review of Promotional / Training Materials for EAC standards	EATH and EAGC develop SOW and engage consultant to finalize the materials	Final promotional materials and Grader's User guide	SOW of work developed. Consultant to be engaged in June
Conduct Regional Workshop on Sampling/ Grading Methods in Entebbe	Develop Concept Note for the Regional Stakeholders' Meeting	Concept Note	Concept Note developed and submitted to EAC
	Develop SOW for the development of harmonized guidelines sampling, testing and grading procedures and methods for the new EAS 2013	Scope of Work	SOW developed
	Consultant engaged		Consultant engaged and started working

			with EAGC
	EATH and EAGC partners with , Bureaus of Standards and other partners meet to discuss the n sampling and testing methods	Implementation guidelines on sampling and testing methods developed	Scheduled for July 1-3
Conduct Kenya Training on EAC Grades and Standards	Develop a list of trainees and shortlist	Schedules of trainings with list of trainees attached	Scheduled for July
	Identify resource persons for the Training workshop		
	Identify the training venues- hotel/ grading room		
	Invite the trainees for the workshop		
	Engage with the KBS to partner in the training		
	Conduct Training workshop in Kampala	At least 25 graders trained	
Conduct Tanzania Training on EAC Grades and Standards	Develop a list of trainees and shortlist	Schedules of trainings with list of trainees attached	Scheduled for July
	Identify resource persons for the Training workshop		
	Identify the training venues- hotel/ grading room		
	Invite the trainees for the workshop		
	Engage with the TBS to partner in the training		
	Conduct Training workshop in Dar es Salaam	At least 25 graders trained	
Conduct Uganda Training on EAC Grades and Standards	identify and recruit trainees for the training	Schedules of trainings with list of trainees attached	Scheduled for July
	Identify resource persons for the Training		
	Identify the training venues- hotel/ grading room		
	Invite the trainees for the workshop		

	Engage with the UNBS to partner in the training		
	Conduct Training workshop in Kigali	At least 25 graders trained	
Conduct Rwanda Training on EAC Grades and Standards	Develop a list of trainees and shortlist	Schedules of trainings with list of trainees attached	Scheduled for July
	Identify resource persons for the Training workshop		
	Identify the training venues- hotel/ grading room		
	Invite the trainees for the workshop		
	Engage with the RBS to partner in the training		
	Conduct Training workshop in Nairobi	At least 25 graders trained	
Conduct Burundi Training on EAC Grades and Standards	Develop a list of trainees and shortlist	Schedules of trainings with list of trainees attached	Scheduled for July
	Identify resource persons for the Training workshop		
	Identify the training venues- hotel/ grading room		
	Invite the trainees for the workshop		
	Engage with the BBN to partner in the training		
	Conduct Training workshop in Bujumbura	At least 25 graders trained	